



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## KALEH PAJAMA PARTY



Two weeks ago Jena had the pleasure of hosting a Kaleh (women's ministry of Cru) event at our house. About fifty women attended the Kaleh Pajama Party, where each woman brought a comfort food of their choice. To share in celebration of the \*comfort\* we feel in community with one another. Our program that evening consisted of each of the staff women (Nicole, Kristen and Jena) sharing a testimony of how detrimental a role that hidden sin had played in each of their lives, a teaching on the cycle of sin and how it is a perpetual, vicious circle, and the importance of the encouragement of community in bringing hidden things into the light.

Following the event we had more than several students approach our staff women and student leaders about deep rooted, insidious sin in an endeavor to confess, repent, and live out their freedom in Christ. It was a privilege and honor for Jena to see the Lord use that evening to restore many of our women!

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE TO THE WORLD

### REGIONAL STAFF CONFERENCE

As missionaries we very much enjoy being with one another in a larger context to celebrate what the Lord is doing and commiserate and just play with and enjoy our Cru staff family. We have just returned from our annual Regional Staff Conference (RSC) held in Reston, VA the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The theme of the conference was Story: how our individual stories influence our outlook and how they connect the Lord's greater Story. Jena was asked to share a poem at the conference called "I Am From," an autobiographical piece that frames her unique story. You can read it here: <http://wp.me/s/1J5xr-poem>

The conference is a great opportunity not only for us to rest and enjoy the company of our fellow missionaries, but for our kids to be able to connect with other staff kids from the region. It was a wonderful time, especially for Olivia and Logan, to hang out with kids from the Mid-Atlantic region whose parents also work for Cru. Olivia even got to go to dinner and a play with four friends! We are grateful for the relationships our kids have that they can foster at RSC.



### PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for our students to consider summer mission with Cru and especially for the 17 that are considering going with us to the DR!
- Please pray for our support. We are in need of monthly and one-time gifts currently.
- Praise: The West family was assigned to help us staff our mission to DR! Chase, Kristan and Emery (2 1/2 years) are dear friends of ours whom we have spent the last three summers with!



Every semester we facilitate a "Missions Night" at our Large Group meeting. The purpose is for the students from UVA and PVCC to gain God's heart for the world and to be informed of the opportunities we have for students to "GO" on mission this summer with Cru. A great message was given by our friend and UVA Faculty Sonia Cabell (Sonia and Andrew were a part of Cru in college at UMASS while Sonia was at Smith College) on the barriers students face to going on mission. In addition, we highlighted summer opportunities for students to go with us to the Dominican Republic and the Teichmans to East Asia (as well as our other partnership locations).

The results were really encouraging. We asked students to indicate if they were interested in going on mission to any of the opportunities we shared about. 17 are interested in the DR! Two of them have already begun their application. The other interests were 7 for East Asia, 6 Hampton, 8 Ocean City and 3 other locations. That's over 40 students! We are excited to see which of these students will be called to join us this summer or go to one of the other locations. We know that amazing transformation can happen on these trips so we are hopeful to see many go this summer!



Interns were celebrated at RSC. We circled ours so you don't have to guess where they are in the picture.

*"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul." — Psalm 66:16*

In this season of thanksgiving we think of you and how grateful we are for you! Much love --  
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel